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SUBJ: MTN: TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETING, JUNE 16-19-NEXT STEPS

1. IN VIEW OF DECISION OF TP GROUP TO BEGIN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS ASAP, IMPORTANCE LDC'S ATTACH TO RAPID PROGRESS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS, AND LIKELIHOOD THAT OCTOBER MEETING WILL SEEK TO ESTABLISH TIMETABLE FOR OFFERS (SEE SEPTTEL CONTAINING CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY), MTN DEL REQUESTS WASHINGTON AGENCIES BEGIN NOW TO FOCUS ON NEEDED ANALYSES TO ASSIST US IN MEANINGFUL BILATERAL AND EVENTUALLY PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH MINDFUL OF REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF DOMESTIC PROCEDURES BEFORE CONSIDERING ACTUAL ITEMS TAHT CAN BE OFFERED OR REQUESTEDIN NEGOTIATIONS, WE BELIEVE FOLLOWING ANALYSES MIGHT BE USEFULLY UNDERTAKEN ON PRIORITY BASIS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ANALYTICAL BASIS FOR ASSISTING USG IN DETERMINING PREFERRED APPROACH IN CONSULTATIONS
AND ULTIMATELY IN NEXT TP MEETING:
A) CONSOLIDATION OF REQUEST LISTS BY LINE ITEM;
B) IDENTIFICATION OF COUNTRIES HAVING TRADE INTEREST IN EACH ITEM;
C) ANALYSIS OF ALL ROPICAL PRODUCT TRADE INTERESTS OF EACH PARTICIPANT COUNTRY, INCLUDING BOTH ITEMS REQUESTED AND ITEMS REQUESTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES;
D) DETERMINATION OF VALUE OF VARIOUS OFFERS (CONCES- SIONS) THAT THE US MIGHT GRANT; AND
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E) DETERMINATION OF BOTH GENERAL AND SPECIFIC CONCESSIONS WHICH US SHOULD SEEK FROM LDC'S. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE MAJOR LDC'S, I.E. BRAZIL, MEXICO, INDIA, NIGERIA, ETC.

3. MTN DELS BELIEVES THAT EARLY ANALYSES WILL ASSIST US IN PRESENTING SUFFICIENT SUBSTANTIVE REACTIONS TO AVER PREMATURE DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL AND PRIORITY PROCEDURES/RULES FOR

NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE FOCUS WILL BE ON PACE AND CONTINUED
PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO DEVELOP EARLY TROPICAL PRODUCTS
PACKAGE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT GIVEN LDC
INTEREST IN RAPID PROGRESS TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP AND
DC NEEDNOT REPEAT NOT ESTABLISH POSSIBLE PRECEDENT FOR TARIFF
GROUP. IN ANY EVENT WE RECOMMEND WASHINGTON AGENCIES ALSO
BEGIN TO FOCUS ON PROCEDURES US COULD ACCEPT FOR
TABLING TROPICAL PRODUCT OFFERS AND NEGOTIATING EARLY
PACKAGE. MTN DEL WILL EXPLORE IN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS
POSSIBILITIES WITH OTHER GENEVA DELS, GATT SECRETARIAT,
AND REPORT LATER IN SUMMER. HARTZELL

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